

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments be made prior to examination of the present application.

The Office Action of September 23, 2004 on the above-referenced application imposed a restriction requirement between three groups of claims, Group I, Claims 1-23 and 39-43, drawn to a method for producing a colloidal dispersion of nanoparticles; Group II, Claims 24-29, drawn to a colloidal dispersion of nanoparticles; and Group III, Claims 30-38, drawn to an apparatus. On October 28, 2004, applicants filed a response to the restriction requirement which elected the claims of Group I for initial examination, with traverse. As noted in the Office Action, all of the claims in Group I are directed to a method of producing colloidal nanoparticles.

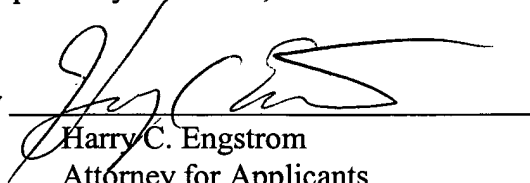
The new Claims 44-51 which are submitted herewith are also directed to a method of producing colloidal nanoparticles and are substantially similar in form to the claims previously submitted. New independent Claim 44 is similar to original independent Claim 39 (within Group I) but differs from original Claim 39 in that it is directed generally to producing colloidal nanoparticles rather than colloidal silver. All of the remaining new Claims 45-51 are dependent upon new independent Claim 44.

Thus, it is submitted that all of the new claims are within Group I of the restriction requirement and entry of the Preliminary Amendment and examination of the new claims with the claims in Group I is thus respectfully requested.

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